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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIONS TO FAO ON UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS

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1. THIS IS INTERIM REPLY ON REPRESENTATIONS TO FAO, TO INFORM THAT US REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS WITH FAO, WILL MAKE REPRESENTATION MONDAY, AUGUST 30, TO ANTHONY LEEKS (U.K.), ACTING CHIEF OF FAO COMMODITIES AND TRADE DIVISION, WHO WILL BE BACK AT WORK THAT DAY AFTER LEAVE. LEEKS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMODITY RELATIONSHIPS WITH UNCTAD IN GENERAL, AND IT SEEMS BETTER TO RAISE MATTER WITH HIM RATHER THAN WITH VARIOUS SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, WHO ARE ESSENTIALLY TECHNICIANS ON SPECIFIC COMMODITIES. INTENT WILL BE, SUBJECT TO LEEKS' VIEWS, TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY WITH REPRESENTATION TO FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL, WHO DESPITE EARLIER LACK OF FOCUS ON THIS PROBLEM REPORTEDLY IS NOW GENERALLY COGNIZANT OF IT. FAO SOURCES INDICATE

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THAT THEY GENERALLY RECOGNIZE NAIROBI CONFERENCE GAVE

UNCTAD PRIMARY ROLE IN COMMODITIES, AND THEY WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN CHALLENGING THAT, BUT UNCTAD--FAO CONSULATATIONS HAVE BEEN PRCEEDING WELL, WITH AGREE-MENT THAT THERE WILL BE NO UNILATERAL SECRETARIAT DOCUMENTS NOT CLEARED WITH THE OTHER AGENCY, AND APPARENTLY WITH FAO BEING GIVEN PREDOMINANT ROLE IN TRADE ASPECTS OF COMMODITIES IN WHICH IT IS INVOLVED.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, HANDLING OF COMMODITIES PROBLEMS WAS DISCUSSED BY FAO WITH SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE LAST WEEK. FAO DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL JACKSON MADE POINT THAT FAO'S RELATIVELY GREATER SUCCESS HAS BEEN DUE TO FACT THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONDUCTED AMONG TECHNICIANS THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH TRADE AND MARKET SITUATIONS.BEAUDRY

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